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1. The recent series of clashes occurring along the 38th parallel were designed primarily to support Communist political plans, in accordance with a policy recently made known to members of the Supreme People's Assembly. This policy calls for an intensified effort to strengthen the Communist position in Asia prior to the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in September.
2. The clashes were intended to heighten the fear of a civil war in the minds of the South Korean people, and thereby to encourage the acceptance of peaceful unification. Such unification would be dictated by North Korea under the banner of the "Fatherland Unification Front."
3. The fighting did not indicate any intention by North Korea to invade South Korea at this time.

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